



# STANDING UP for STUDENTS

**to Keep Their Campus Open**

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I worked to secure bipartisan  
consensus to pass a bill to  
**keep the Meriden Center for  
Middlesex Community College open.**

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# FROM YOUR STATE SENATOR DANTÉ BARTOLOMEO

## Standing Up for Students

When the closings of Middlesex Community College's Meriden Center and Precision Manufacturing Institute were announced, I fought to secure the bipartisan passage of a bill to keep these schools open and prevent the Board of Regents from closing any higher education campus or manufacturing program without legislative approval.

**I am proud to announce that all the hard work of Meriden's MxCC students and your legislative delegation has paid off.** The Board of Regents has announced that the Meriden branch and the manufacturing program will remain open.

## Making College More Affordable

Student loan debt has become a family problem and ranks second highest in debt burden, exceeded only by mortgage debt. That is why I supported legislation that would provide students with more opportunities to manage their student loan debt and to help make college more affordable.

**I am working to provide students more freedom to manage their student loan debt:**

- Make student loan refinancing available when loan interest rates drop
- Allow students to pay off a student loan early to avoid mounting interest costs
- Expand access to scholarships
- Establish transparency for financial aid